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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 2 and 8, cancel claims 5 - 7 and 10 - 14, and add new claims 15 - 18.

1. (Currently amended) A paper handling aid, comprising:
  - a. a substantially planar membrane formed of a flexible, frictional material and sized to fit on the pad portion of a finger; and
  - b. a hypo-allergenic ~~an~~ adhesive coating on a first surface of the membrane;
  - c. wherein in use the hypo-allergenic adhesive is in contact with the pad portion of the finger.
2. (Currently amended) The paper handling aid as described in claim 1, further comprising a plurality of protuberances formed by molding on a second surface of the membrane.
3. (Original) The paper handling aid as described in claim 1, wherein the membrane material is elastomeric.
4. (Original) The paper handling aid as described in claim 1, wherein the adhesive adheres substantially permanently to the first surface of the membrane and adheres releasably to the pad portion of the finger.

**5 - 7 (Cancelled)**

8. (Currently amended) The paper handling aid as described in claim 1, wherein the membrane material has a ~~coefficient~~ coefficient of friction against paper in the range of 0.50 - 0.90.

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9. (Original) The paper handling aid as described in claim 8, wherein the coefficient of friction is greater than 0.80.

10 - 14 (Cancelled)

15. (New) The paper handling aid described in claim 2, wherein the protuberances are substantially equal in height above the second surface of the membrane.

16. (New) The paper handling aid described in claim 15, wherein the protuberances protrude substantially 0.6 mm in height above the second surface of the membrane.

17. (New) A paper handling aid, comprising:

- a. a substantially planar membrane formed of a flexible, frictional material and sized to fit on the pad portion of a finger;
- b. a hypo-allergenic adhesive coating on a first surface of the membrane; and
- c. a plurality of protuberances molded on a second surface of the membrane to be substantially equal in height above the second surface of the membrane.

18. (New) The paper handling aid described in claim 17, wherein the protuberances protrude substantially 0.6 mm in height above the second surface of the membrane.